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Soybean and Peanut Acres Increase

Soybeans planted in Virginia were estimated at 670,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2014. Area for harvest, at 660,000 acres, is 10,000 acres above acres a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2015 was estimated at 85.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 84.4 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2014.

Acreage planted to corn in Virginia was estimated at 500,000 acres, unchanged from 2014. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 340,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2015 was estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 81.1 million acres for grain, down 2 percent from last year.

Upland cotton acreage in Virginia was estimated at 85,000, down 2,000 acres from 2014. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 8.85 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year.

Farmers in Virginia intend to set an estimated 1,300 acres of burley tobacco for harvest. This is 200 acres below the 2014 level. Dark fire-cured tobacco acreage was estimated at 350 acres, up 20 acres from the previous year. Flue-cured tobacco acreage was estimated at 19,500 acres, down 3,000 from a year ago. Flue-cured producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 206,800 acres, 16 percent below last year.

Peanut growers in the Commonwealth planted 23,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from 2014. Producers expect to harvest 23,000 acres of peanuts this year, also up 4,000 acres from 2014. U.S. peanuts planted was estimated at 1.60 million acres, up 18 percent from 2014. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 1.57 million acres, up 18 percent from last year.

Barley seeded acreage is estimated at 47,000 acres, down 16 percent from last year. Barley producers anticipate harvesting 19,000 acres for grain, 9,000 below last year. Barley planted for the Nation was estimated at 3.41 million acres, up 15 percent from 2014. Acres harvested for grain is forecast at 2.92 million acres, up 19 percent from last year.

This year 12,000 acres of oats were planted in Virginia, up 2,000 from 2014. Oat producers expect to harvest 3,000 acres for grain, unchanged acres from last year. U.S. acreage planted for oats is up 13 percent from last year at 3.06 million acres. Area harvested is forecast at 1.22 million acres, increased 19 percent from 2014.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Virginia was estimated at 260,000 acres, 30,000 acres below the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 225,000 acres, 35,000 acres below 2014. The U.S. winter wheat planted area was estimated at 40.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 2014. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 33.3 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Virginia was estimated at 80,000 acres, up 5,000 from the 2014 crop. All other hay was estimated at 1.05 million acres, down 50,000 from a year ago. The U.S. all hay acreage was estimated at 56.5 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014.

Planted and Harvested Acres, June 2015 - Virginia and United States

	Virginia				United States			
	Planted ¹		Harvested ¹		Planted ¹		Harvested ¹	
	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 ² (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 ² (1,000 acres)
Barley ³	56	47	28	19	2,975	3,413	2,443	2,919
Corn	500	500	350	340	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101
Cotton ⁴	87	85	86	--	11,037	8,998	9,347	--
Oats ³	10	12	3	3	2,723	3,064	1,029	1,220
Soybeans	660	670	650	660	83,701	85,139	83,061	84,449
Peanut	19	23	19	23	1,354	1,600	1,325	1,565
Wheat, Winter ³	290	260	260	225	42,399	40,620	32,304	33,329
Hay:								
All	--	--	1,175	1,130	--	--	57,092	56,539
Alfalfa	--	--	75	80	--	--	18,445	18,337
Other, All	--	--	1,100	1,050	--	--	38,647	38,202
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Tobacco:								
All	--	--	24,330	21,150	--	--	378,360	320,950
Burley	--	--	1,500	1,300	--	--	101,500	84,000
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	330	350	--	--	18,630	17,450
Flue-Cured	--	--	22,500	19,500	--	--	245,300	206,800

¹ Commodities with planted or harvested estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). ² Forecasted. ³ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁴U.S. acreage includes American Pima cotton.

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